

DISTRICT COURT OF PRIZREN

C. No. 66/2001

27 March 2002

Prizren

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE

The District Court of Prizren in a panel composed of international judge Hajnalka Karpati as presiding judge, international judges Birgit Lange-Klepsch and Timothy Clayson as panel members, assisted by court recorder Fllanza Shporta deciding in the criminal case against **SAVA MATIC** from Orahovac, accused with the criminal act of War Crimes against the Civilian Population as per Article 142 of the Criminal Code of Yugoslavia applied in accordance with UNMIK Regulation 1999/24 according to the Bill of Indictment of the District Public Prosecutor of Prizren CC. No. 310/99 dated 11 September 2000, after the main trial was held in public on 22, 27, 29 November, 4, 5, 6, 10. December 2001, 4, 24, 25 January, 6, 18 February, 7, 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27 March 2002 in the presence of the parties, the District Public Prosecutor Skender Morina, the accused and his defense attorneys Branka Slani Taborosi and Bozidarka Stojakovic, both from Belgrade and Vahide Braha as representative of the injured parties; on 27 March 2002 in the presence of the accused Sava Matic, the District Public Prosecutor Skender Morina, the defense attorneys Branka Slani Taborosi and Bozidarka Stojakovic and the representative of the injured parties Vahide Braha ruled and pronounced in public the following

VERDICT

The accused **Sava MATIC** from Orahovac, born on [REDACTED] in Orahovac, father's name [REDACTED], mother's name [REDACTED] Kosovar Serb, completed elementary school, janitor by profession, single, poor economical status, no previous criminal record, in detention since 27 December 1999

IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

For the criminal act of War Crime against the Civilian Population under Article 142 of Criminal Code of Yugoslavia, as made applicable by UNMIK Regulation 1999/24,

Because

of a lack of evidence in accordance with Article 350, Paragraph 3 of the LCP.

Therefore the accused Sava MATIC is

ACQUITTED

Of the charges from the Bill Of Indictment C.C. No. 310/99 dated 11 September 2000 that he during the armed conflict in Rahovec in the month of July 1998, and in the time of war in Kosovo from 23 March 1999 until 12 June 1999 in the territory of the municipality of Rahovec and in the villages of Krusha e Madhe and Potocani i Ulet, violated the International Law by carrying out orders from above, by performing attacks on the unprotected civilian population exposed to suffering, to inhuman behavior while applying measures of intimidation and terror, misappropriation of private property in illegal and extensive quantity which was not reasonable for military needs, burning of houses, looting properties belonging to the Albanian population in the manner that as member-leader of the paramilitary formations of the Serbian police in Rahovec, he has ordered other members to commit the mentioned crimes, wearing a camouflage police uniform, carrying an automatic weapon-sniper and a revolver, participated in the liquidation of 42 peasants of the village of Krusha e Madhe that occurred on 26 March 1999 and on that occasion 42 people have been killed, and that among others, O [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] etc., all of them from Krusha e Madhe. He also participated in beating of the population in the villages of Potocani i Ulet by maltreating them physically and psychologically, like Gj [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] I [REDACTED] Z [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] H [REDACTED], H [REDACTED] H [REDACTED], and Sh [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] whom after he beat them, were then tied with wires in the columns of the vineyard.

Detention is terminated according to Article 353, Paragraph 3 of the LCP.

The injured parties are referred to file any property compensation claims within civil procedure according to Article 108, paragraph 3 of the LCP.

Based on Article 99, Paragraph 1 in connection with Article 95, Paragraph 2, item 1-5 of the LCP the costs of the criminal proceedings including the necessary expenses of the accused and necessary expenses and remuneration of the defense counsels have to be paid from the court's budget.

Legal Remedy:

Within 15 days upon receipt of this verdict in a written form an appeal can be filed against this verdict to the Supreme Court of Kosovo through this court.

Recording Clerk:

Debrewerk Haile

Presiding judge:

Hajnalka Karpati